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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station
Boston, MA 02110

Re: Boston Edison Company d/b/a NSTAR Electric, D.T.E. 02-80A

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

On September 8, 2003, Boston Edison Company d/b/a NSTAR Electric and the Attorney General (together, the "Settling Parties"), submitted for approval by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (the "Department") a Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Agreement and a Settlement Agreement resolving issues in the Companies' reconciliation of costs and revenues for the year 2002. The Joint Motion and the Settlement Agreement provide that if the Department does not approve the Settlement Agreement in its entirety by October 6, 2003, it shall be deemed withdrawn.

In order to afford the Department sufficient time to review the Settlement Agreement, the Settling Parties have agreed to extend the deadline for approval of the Settlement Agreement to October 14, 2003. Therefore, by this letter, the Settling Parties hereby amend Paragraph 3.5 of the Settlement Agreement by deleting the date "October 6, 2003" and inserting in its place "October 14, 2003."

I hereby certify that the Attorney General has authorized me to represent the agreement of Attorney General to the terms of this amendment to the Settlement Agreement. If you have any questions, please contact Joseph Rogers or Judith Laster, Assistant Attorneys General, or me.

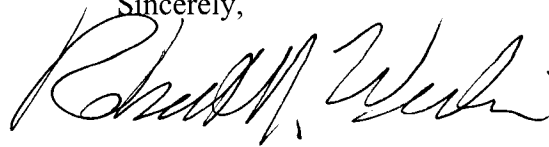
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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert N. Werlin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Robert" being the most prominent part.

Robert N. Werlin

cc: William Stevens, Hearing Officer
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